

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday July 28th 2002

Silent key EI8IY

It is with great regret that we announce that on July the 1st last, Nelius Murphy EI8IY passed away. Nelius was a regular caller into the IRTS news on VHF, and occasionally on HF also. Sadly missed by his Mother Francis, Sisters Elaine & Mary, Brother Oliver and Nephew Connie, and all his friends throughout the amateur radio world. Months mind in Abbeyfeale on the 1st August at 8p.m. in the Convent Church opposite the main Church.

Slide Rule and Abacus Exhibition

A Slide Rule and Abacus Exhibition will be held at the ILAC Dublin Central Library during August 2002. The exhibit includes, Slide Rules, of various ages and functions, Chinese and Japanese Abacuses, a set of Napier's Bones (an early form of calculator not Napier's relics!) various mechanical Calculators and Calculating aids.

The exhibition is educational, and is meant to show a younger generation how calculation was performed prior to the electronic age. Many of the older Radio Amateurs, will have used some of these items, so there is a nostalgia element to the exhibition also.

The Exhibition is by kind permission of the Open Learning Centre at ILAC in association with Dublin Corporation.

The Content is provided by Liam EI9DVB. The Exhibition started on Saturday the 27th of July 2002 and ends Saturday the 7th of September 2002.

XE1/EI7GK

Paddy reports that conditions between XE and EI on 20 metres are best early morning Irish time around 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. If anyone is on air at those times listen out for him around 14.268 MHz. He has put up a 2-element wire beam and gets good reports from Europe.

5 MHz

It will soon be possible for Radio Amateurs in the United Kingdom to use a number of spot frequencies around the 5 MHz band, in order to take part in a four-year propagation study. A full Class-A license holder wishing to take part will require an extension to his or her existing license.

IRTS Contest News

Congratulations to Joe Ryan EI7GY who won the Restricted Section in the recent CW Field day. Joe operated portable from Knockadreet, Co. Wicklow and had 223 QSO's making a total of 801 points. Congratulations also to the EI9E group who won the open section operating portable from Murrintown, Co. Wexford. Operators on the team were Dave EI4BZ, Billy EI7FJ and Mick EI6GF, their score was 1506 points from 456 QSO's. Operations during the Field day were considerably hampered by severe thunderstorm activity over the weekend of the contest.

Participants in the UHF/VHF field day are reminded that the closing date for submission of logs is Tuesday 6th of August. All logs must be postmarked or emailed by this date. Paper logs should be sent to The Contest Manager, IRTS, PO Box 462, Dublin 9. Electronic logs should be sent to contests@irts.ie or ei2jc@hotmail.com.

Groups intending to participate in the IRTS HF SSB FIELD which takes place on 7th and 8th September are asked to note RULE 2 of the SSB field day rules which requires details of the site to be notified to the Contest Manager, not later than 30 days before the contest Date. Deadline for notification is the 9th of August. Details of site should be posted to Noel Walsh EI2JC, Contest Manager IRTS, PO Box 462, Dublin 9. Late entries may be accepted not later than 24 hours before the contest, late entries should be emailed to contests@irts.ie or ei2jc@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Events

The International Lighthouse / Lightship weekend will take place on the weekend of the 17th and 18th of August 2002.

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4883555. Items can also be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail to ei7is@qsl.net or cyberis@e-merge.ie. Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026.

News can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both news services.

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